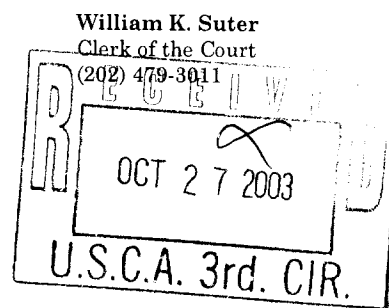


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Dear Clerk:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above entitled case was filed on September 8, 2003 and placed on the docket October 23, 2003 as No. 03-7006.

Sincerely,

William K. Suter, Clerk

by

[Signature]
Sandy Spagnolo
Case Analyst